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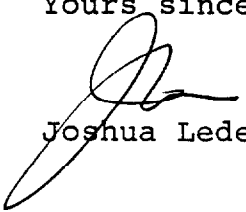
Dear Fati:

Thank you for sending me the talk you gave at Brighton. But if I, perhaps too crudely, summarize your remarks as suggesting that small states matter less and less, I am afraid I just do not agree. The proliferation of very capable missiles, chemical weaponry, and eventually nuclear warheads, together with a global situation that leads to ever more multi-polarity for economic, military and political development reasons, leads me to exactly the opposite conclusion.

It is not that small states will topple large ones; but the ability of large states to control the pattern of events is in my own opinion rapidly diminishing. Even as a consequence of what may be looked forward to as a period of improving harmony among the large states, the bipolar conflict will have less and less to say about the further direction of the planet.

Perhaps I misunderstood you.

Yours sincerely,


Joshua Lederberg